

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 652
By Montgomery

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Robert Bruce Wilson for his meritorious service to the children of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bruce Wilson is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson will soon commence employment as Principal of Wears Valley Elementary School, an honor and responsibility most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Charles and Zita Wilson, Robert Wilson is a native of Memphis and a graduate of Messick High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson received both his Bachelor's Degree in Education and his Master's Degree in Administrative Supervision from the University of Tennessee, and in 1994, he earned his Education Specialist Degree from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Robert Wilson has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher and coach for nearly thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson began teaching at Seymour High School in 1974 and has since served as the school's Tennis Coach, Assistant Football Coach, Baseball Coach, Assistant Principal, and Principal; and

WHEREAS, now, with the advent of summer, Robert Wilson is transitioning into the next phase of his career, as he prepares to serve as Principal of Wears Valley Elementary School, beginning in June; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students and faculty to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Robert Wilson truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; active in his profession and in his community, he is a Charter Member of the Seymour High School Academic Foundation, a Member of the East Tennessee Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, a Charter Member and Past President of the Seymour Rotary Club, and an active and devout member of Sevier Heights Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Wilson is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his wife of nineteen years, Donna Heath Wilson, and their children, Todd and Jennifer; and

WHEREAS, Robert Wilson truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Robert Bruce Wilson for his many years of exemplary service as a teacher, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.